

In the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all other prior listings of claims.

1. (Currently amended) A ~~slotted-expandable~~ centraliser adapted to expand radially from a non-expanded configuration to an expanded configuration, the centraliser having:
a body and at least one blade that projects radially from the body in the non-expanded configuration; and
slots provided in the body of the centraliser;
wherein the slots are adapted to deform during expansion of the centraliser to the expanded configuration.
2. (Currently amended) A centraliser as claimed in claim 1, ~~having a~~ wherein the body with ~~has a bore to accept a tubular, and being adapted to expand radially from a non-expanded configuration to an expanded configuration.~~
3. (Currently amended) A centraliser as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein the slots are longitudinal in the non-expanded configuration and diamond-shaped in the expanded configuration.
4. (Previously presented) A centraliser as claimed in claim 2, being adapted to receive an expandable tubular and adapted to deform radially with the expandable tubular upon expansion of the tubular.
5. Cancelled
6. (Currently amended) A centraliser as claimed in claim ~~5~~ 1, wherein the at least one blade projects radially outward of the body in the expanded configuration.
7. (Currently amended) A centraliser as claimed in claim ~~5~~ 1, wherein the at least one blade is adapted to change configuration during expansion of the centraliser.

8. (Currently amended) A centraliser as claimed in claim 5 1, wherein the at least one blade is adapted to retain its configuration during expansion of the centraliser.
9. (Currently amended) A centraliser as claimed in claim 5 1, wherein the at least one blade has the same thickness as the body.
10. (Previously presented) A centraliser as claimed in claim 1, having slotted portions circumferentially adjacent to non-slotted portions.
11. (Currently amended) A centraliser as claimed in claim 10, ~~the centraliser having a body with a bore to accept a tubular, and being adapted to expand radially from a non-expanded configuration to an expanded configuration, and at least one blade that projects radially outward of the body in the non-expanded configuration,~~ wherein the at least one blade is located in a non-slotted portion.
12. (Previously presented) A centraliser as claimed in claim 1, wherein the slots are uniformly distributed over the centraliser.
13. (Previously presented) A centraliser as claimed in claim 1, wherein the slots are arranged in longitudinally aligned rows with slots in adjacent rows being axially offset with respect to one another so that the ends of circumferentially adjacent slots overlap.
14. (Previously presented) A centraliser as claimed in claim 1, wherein the slots are of uniform dimension.
15. (Previously presented) A centraliser as claimed in claim 1, being adapted to deform plastically.
16. (Previously presented) A centraliser as claimed in claim 1, being adapted to deform elastically.

17. (Previously presented) A centraliser as claimed in claim 1, being a casing centraliser.
18. (Currently amended) A centraliser assembly comprising a ~~slotted-expandable~~ centraliser as claimed in claim 1 which has ~~a body with~~ a bore to accept a tubular, ~~and is radially expandable from a non-expanded configuration to an expanded configuration;~~ and an expandable tubular, located in the bore of the centraliser.
19. (Original) An assembly as claimed in claim 18, wherein the centraliser is a casing centraliser.
20. (Previously presented) An assembly as claimed in claim 18, wherein the tubular comprises casing, liner or a screen.
21. (New) An expandable casing centraliser having an array of deformable slots in the body of the centraliser, at least one slot being axially spaced relative to another slot.
22. (New) An expandable casing centraliser as claimed in claim 21, wherein at least one slot is circumferentially spaced relative to another slot.
23. (New) An expandable casing centraliser as claimed in claim 21, being adapted to expand from a non-expanded configuration to an expanded configuration, the centraliser comprising a body and at least one blade that projects radially from the body in the non-expanded configuration.
24. (New) A slotted expandable centraliser having a body with a bore to accept a tubular, and being adapted to expand radially from a non-expanded configuration to an expanded configuration, the centraliser having at least one blade that projects radially outward of the body in the non-expanded configuration, the at least one blade having the same thickness as the body.